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1. SUMMARY: DEBATE CONTINUED AFTERNOON MAY 20, WITH SIX COUNTRY STATEMENTS. NORWAY, UKRAINE, BRAZIL AND PERU NOTED INADEQUATE IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS, SUPPORTED NIEO AND CERDS. NORWAY INDICATED THAT STATE OF POLITICAL WILL ON TRANSFER OF RESOURCES IS UNSATISFACTORY AND SOME FORM OF AUTOMATIC TRANSFER MUST BE FOUND. UKRANIAN LASHED OUT AT TNC'S. BRAZIL STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, CITING LACK OF DC DETERMINATION THIS AREA AS CAUSE OF LDC FAILURE TO ATTAIN GOALS. PERU ATTACKED TNC'S AND CALLED FOR FURTHER TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ON BETTER TERMS. IRAN ALLEGED OPEC COUNTRIES HAD SUFFERED FROM UNJUST PRICING FOR A LONG TIME, AND THAT IDS MUST TAKE SPECIAL ACCOUNT OF MSA'S, LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED, AND ISLAND DEVELOPING
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COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. REVIEW AND APPRAISAL COMMITTEE HEARD STATEMENTS FROM NORWAY, UKRAINE, BRAZIL, PHILIPPINES, PERU AND IRAN. SEVEN ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY P.M. THIS WILL TERMINATE DEBATE AND COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER ORGANIZATION FOR FUTURE WORK.

3. NORWEGIAN DELGATE INDICATED ACCEPTANCE OF IDS WITHOUT RESERVATION, NOTED THAT IDS RAISED EXPECTATIONS OF LDC'S AND REGRETTED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN REACHED, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. NORWAY HAS MET ODA TARGET AND DEL NOTED THAT STATE OF POLITICAL WILL ON TRANSFER OF RESOURCES IS UNSATISFACTORY AND SOME FORM OF AUTOMATIC TRANSFER MUST BE FOUND. HE SUPPORTED RETENTION OF IDS BECAUSE IT IS A COHERENT STRATEGY AND OPERATIVE DOCUMENT WITH EMPHASIS ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. HE STATED NORWAY FEELS R&A REPORT SHOULD EMPHASIZE AGRICULTURE, REFLECT THE IMPORTANCE OF LAND REFORM AND RECOMMEND REVISIONS OF STRATEGY BASED ON DECLARATION OF PROGRAM OF ACTION AND CERDS. REPORT SHOULD ALSO REFLECT CONFERENCES ON ENVIRONMENT, POPULATION, FOOD AND UNIDO AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT THE 30TH UNGA.

4. UKRAINIAN REP ENDORSED SOCIALIST COUNTRY STATEMENT AT TDB 6TH SPECIAL SESSION IN GENEVA. HE REITERATED USUAL THEME THAT DEVELOPMENT COULD PROCEED ONLY IN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE OF DETENTE, DISARMAMENT AND COOPERATION FOR PEACEFUL EXISTENCE. HE NOTED INADEQUATE IMPLEMENTATION OF IDS AND AFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR NIEO AND CERDS. HE NOTED THAT TNC'S PLAY POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC ROLES WITH TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES FOR LDC'S. TNC'S, HE SAID, HAVE NOW INVESTED \$48 BILLION IN LDC'S AND GET ANNUAL PROFIT OF \$10 BILLION. HE SAID THAT LDC'S ORGANIZATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF EXPORTERS IN TRADE WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IS FULLY JUSTIFIED; SAID THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH EMPHASIS ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT; AND REPEATED SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR REDUCTION IN ARMS EXPENDITURE OF 10 PERCENT BOTH FOR LDC'S AND DC'S.

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5. BRAZIL NOTED THAT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN LDC'S NOW TAKING ADVERSE TURN BECAUSE OF STAGFLATION IN DC'S. SAID THE BENEFITS OF BOOMING DC ECONOMIES IN PAST DID NOT ACCRUE TO ALL LDC'S AND THIS WOULD NEED TO BE EXAMINED AGAIN IN 59TH ECOSOC. NOTED OVERALL ATTAINMENT OF GOALS WAS UNSATISFACTORY BECAUSE LDC EFFORTS WERE NOT MATCHED BY DC DETERMINATIONS TO MEET THEIR TARGETS ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

AFFIRMED THE NEED FOR A NIEO AND SAID THE STRATEGY MUST BE SEEN IN THIS CONTEXT. HE REGARDED IDS AS A MEDIUM TERM PLAN AND REITERATED THAT DC'S SHOULD NOT EVADE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. HE SAID THAT DEVELOPMENT AIMS AND GOALS MUST BE CONCEIVED NATIONALLY AND THAT LDC'S WERE ENTITLED TO SCRUTINY OF ECONOMIC POLICIES OF DC'S SINCE THEY AFFECTED DEVELOPMENT OF LDC'S. LDC'S COULD NOT ACCEPT ANY PIECEMEAL APPROACH TO THEIR PROBLEMS AND NEED A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. HE OPPOSED "DISAGGREGATED TARGETS" FOR SEPARATE GROUPS OF COUNTRIES. HE DECLARED THAT NO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TERMS OF TRADE CAN REPLACE THE IMPORTANCE OF ODA FOR LDC DEVELOPMENT.

6. PHILIPPINE STATEMENT FOCUSED ON FAILURE IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND THE SPECIAL VULNERABILITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, E.G., DEPENDENCE ON RAIN, FERTILIZER, ETC. SAID THAT MONETARY REFORM, TRADE EXPANSION AND AGRICULTURE GROWTH ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND HOPED THAT DC'S WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE AID; ASKED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITY AREAS IN IDS.

7. PERU IN RELATIVELY SHORT STATEMENT, RAPIDLY READ, REPEATED THE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TO BE BASED ON THE NIEO AND CERDS. HE SAID THAT THE STRATEGY GROWTH RATES ARE A MINIMUM FOR EACH COUNTRY. HE INDICATED THAT DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME WITHIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD ONLY COME ABOUT IF DC'S WOULD MAKE APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS IN THEIR ECONOMIES. HE CALLED FOR FURTHER TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ON BETTER TERMS AND NOTED THAT TNC'S FOLLOW POLICIES OF OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES TO DETRIMENT OF LDC'S.

8. IRAN FOUND THE CURRENT CRISIS OF THE WORLD TO BE THE RESULT OF THE OLD ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH FOLLOWED A PATTERN OF LIMITLESS GROWTH AND UNCONTROLLED PRODUCTION. HE NOTED THAT OPEC COUNTRIES HAD SUFFERED FROM UNJUST PRICING FOR A LONG TIME. HE SAID THAT THE IDS WAS ADOPTED WHEN THE PRESENT ECONOMIC FORCES WERE NOT APPARENT AND FELT THAT IDS MUST TAKE SPECIAL ACCOUNT OF MSA'S, LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SCALI

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